

**SPECIAL MEETING
DIXIE TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
MINUTES
September 24, 2009**

PRESENT

Suzanne Allen, Chair, Council Member, St. George City
Jerry Lewis, Commissioner, UDOT
Jerry Blair, Council Member, Ivins City (by telephone)
Roger Bundy, Council Member, Washington City
Dave Demas, City Engineer, St. George City
Cameron Cutler, Asst. City Engineer, St. George City
Miriam Palma, Secretary, St. George City

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. She noted that there was not a quorum present. Lowell indicated that Jerry Blair was going to join the meeting by teleconference. At this point Miriam called Mr. Blair on the telephone and the meeting began. Chairman Allen called on Lowell Elmer to explain the reason for the meeting. He told the group that there were three reasons for this meeting. The first is to approve a modification to the Dixie Regional Transportation Plan (2007-2030); second, approve transfer of remaining ARRA funds from the Hilton/Blackridge Drive projects to 300 East/Virgin River Bridge in Washington City; and third, approve the Southern Parkway, III study and send it to each City Council for approval.

MODIFICATION OF 2007-2030 Regional Transportation Plan

Lowell distributed information on this item. As one member was joining the meeting by telephone, he read the entire summary.

“After completion of a 30-day public comment period, which ended August 7, 2009 and in which no public comment was received, it is proposed by MPO staff and by recommendation of DTAC members, at their September 2, 2009 meeting, that the following four projects be added to the first phase of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP):

1. Washington Fields Road Extension to access the New Airport.
2. Washington Dam Road Extension to access the Southern Parkway.
3. Capacity Improvements to 200 East in Ivins, from Old Highway 91 to Center Street.
4. 400 South Trail and I-15 Underpass in St. George, from Dixie State College to the Health Science Building.”

This action will add \$26.6 million into Phase I, bringing the estimated costs to a total of \$323,299,190.00. This amount is \$20,229,190 is over the approved ceiling for Phase I, but it is within the 10% contingency allowed.

He said that this action has been approved by DTAC. Roger Bundy noted that it has also been discussed in several previous DTEC meetings.

Motion: Roger Bundy made a motion to accept the inclusion of four projects into the RTP: Washington Field Road Extension, Washington Dam Road Extension, 200 East in Ivins, and the 400 South and I-15 trail.

Second: Jerry Blair seconded the motion.
Vote: All voted "aye" and the motion passed unanimously.

Black Ridge/Hilton Drive Fund Redistribution to the 300 East/Virgin River Bridge in Washington City

Lowell reminded the group that both the DTAC and DTEC, in their April meetings, had made motions to reassign any ARRA funding remaining from the Hilton Drive/Blackridge Drive to the 300 East/Virgin River Bridge. At that time it was not known how much funding would remain, however, there is an urgency to identify the remaining funds for several reasons. First, all ARRA fund must be committed by February 2010 or they will revert back to the government; second, St. George City has requested a change order to increase the amount of paving on the project and must know if it is approved so they can pave before the weather gets too cold; and third, Washington City needs to know how much funding is available so they can get the project bid and the money obligated by February.

He asked that the group to review the spreadsheet regarding the requested Change Order. He said that the original project construction budget was \$1,742,000. The low bid received was \$1,157,000, leaving a difference of \$585,000. From the amount, staff has identified an additional \$100,000 needed to obtain right-of-way and \$208,230 to increase the amount of pavement to match the recently renovated portion of Black Ridge Drive and polymer grid to guard against potential clay sub-base material.

The remaining funding that could be transferred to Washington City is \$276,770 (rounded to \$275,000 for simplicity).

In response to questions about the change order, Cameron Cutler told the group that \$100,000 will be used to purchase additional right-of-way. The \$208,230 will purchase materials to bring Hilton Drive into compliance with the amount of paving done on Black Ridge Drive. He noted that the funding to purchase polymer grid material may not be needed, however, due to the inhospitable soils found under Black Ridge Drive, he felt it would be.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chairman Allen called for a motion.

Motion: Roger Bundy made a motion to approve the redistribution of \$275,000 from the Hilton/Black Ridge Drive project to the 300 West/Virgin River Bridge in Washington City, bringing the total funding to this project of \$1.035 million.

Second: Jerry Lewis seconded.

Vote: All voted "aye" and the motion passed unanimously.

Southern Parkway III Study

Lowell reminded the group that at their last meeting representatives from Horrocks Engineering gave a presentation regarding the Southern Parkway III Study. Lee Cabell discussed the process leading to the completion of the study and the network of road and interchanges that will affect the Parkway. He asked that the DTEC approve the study and send it to their various City Councils for their approval

Motion: Jerry Blair made a motion to approve the Southern Parkway III study and encourage cities to present it to their Councils for approval.

Second: Jerry Lewis seconded.

Vote: All voted "aye" and the motion passed unanimously.

Roger Bundy asked if the Washington City Public Works Director, Mike Shaw, had see a copy of the Study. Lowell said he had. Diana Lameraux told the group that the entire study is on the MPO Website.

Lowell told the group that he was please with the study and the process of collaboration between land owners and cities which made it possible

Jerry Lewis remarked that great things can be accomplished with cooperation. He remembered when cities used to stand alone, but now need the cooperation of each other to progress. He appreciated the way the MPO has stood at the center of transportation planning and kept projects moving.

The Special Meeting of the Dixie Transportation Executive Council adjourned at 8:35 a.m.